

In the Matter of:

Support Mechanism

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Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington DC 20554

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Request for Review or Waiver of a Decision	on)	
of the Schools and Libraries Division)	Administrator Decision Dated
from Sampson County Public Schools)	March 23, 2012
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 02-6

Request for Review or Waiver

In accordance with Sections 54.719 through 54.721 of the Commission's Rules, Sampson County Public Schools, North Carolina (Sampson) requests Federal Communications Commission (Commission) review or waiver of a decision of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator). This request comes before the Commission in a timely manner from the Administrator decisions dated March 23, 2012.

Applicant Name: Sampson County School District

Billed Entity Number: 126981

Service Provider: North American Communication Resource, Inc.

SPIN: 143011994

Form 471 Application Numbers: 736558, 737287, 737583 Funding Request Numbers: 1990279, 1991720, 1992463

Reason for Denial:

Request was received after the FCC deadline for Implementation Deadline Extension requests which was 9/30/2011.

Background

Sampson was funded for an extensive Internal Connection project in Funding Commitment Letters dated January 19, 2011. Sampson believed the project could be completed before the deadline of September 30, 2011 and notified the Vendor, North American Communications Resource, Inc. (North American) that work could begin when school let out. North American began work and was making significant progress. However in late August Hurricane Irene swept through Sampson county causing significant damage and delayed North American's work. After the storm, North American continued the Internal Connection installation but work was not completed by the deadline of September 30. Sampson neglected to request an Implementation Deadline Extension with the Administrator at the time.

Discussion

In keeping with Commission precedent in Annette Islands School District¹ Sampson asks the Commission to waive requirements of section 54.507(d) of the Commission's rules for these Funding Requests. The Implementation Deadline was missed because of circumstances beyond the service provider's control. Sampson failed to timely file a Request for Implementation Deadline Extension due to an oversight.

Sampson stresses these Funding Requests are for necessary equipment for the operation of Sampson schools. There was no waste, fraud, or abuse associated with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Annette Islands School District Decision DA 12-323, rel. March 2, 2012, CC Docket 02-6 granting waivers for extension requests when the deadline was missed for reasons beyond the service provider's control.